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SUBJECT: US REGULATIONS CONCERNING IMPORTATION OF IVORY PRODUCTS

REF: (A) NEW DELHI 7554, 5/21/76; (B) NEW DELHI 3880, 3/15/76

1. EMBASSY HAS BEEN VISITED BY SEVERAL AMERICAN BUSINESSMEN  
SEEKING A CLARIFICATION ON THE CURRENT STATUS OF IMPORTS INTO  
US OF IVORY PRODUCTS/MANUFACTURES FROM INDIA.

2. WE QUOTE BELOW A TELEX MESSAGE THAT A US BUSINESSMAN  
HARY NEUFELD RECEIVED FROM HIS PARTNER ANDREW CHARNE OF LIZARD  
IMPORTS/EXPORTS, SAN FRANCISCO CONCERNING IMPORTATION OF IVORY  
PRODUCTS:

BEGIN QUOTE: THE TOTAL PERMANENT BAN ON IMPORTING ALL ASIAN  
IVORY GOES INTO EFFECT JULY FOURTEENTH AS PER RUMORS. MR. YEE  
(CUSTOMS INSPECTOR SAN FRANCISCO) TOLD ME THE ONLY WAY IT CAN  
PASS CUSTOMS HERE IS WITH A COUNTRY OF ORIGIN DOCUMENT PROVING  
IT'S AFRICAN IVORY. IT MUST BE DECLARED (GARBLED) THAT IS  
LAXODONTA AFRICANA. YOUR SUPPLIERS MUST GET THE COUNTRY OF  
ORIGIN DOCUMENTS FROM THEIR SUPPLIERS. CEASE AND DESIST ALL  
PURCHASING AND ORDERING. REPEAT STOP ALL BUYING AND ORDERING  
UNTIL YOU HAVE COUNTRY OF ORIGIN DOCUMENTS PROVING "LOXO-  
DONTA AFRICANA". END QUOTE.

3. INDIA MANUFACTURES IVORY GOODS FROM ASIATIC AND AFRICAN  
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ELEPHANT IVORY (B).

4. REFERENCE (A) INFORMED THE DEPARTMENT INTERIOR,FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE, DIVISION OF LAW ENFORCEMENT, T.L. STRIEGLER, THAT THE ENFORCEMENT OF EXPORT BAN ON IVORY PRODUCTS/MANUFACTURES HAS BEEN HELD IN ABEYANCE BY THE GOI UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE. THIS INFORMATION IS STILL CORRECT AND EXPORTS OF IVORY ARE PERMITTED.

5. PLEASE ADVISE IF ANY U.S. IMPORT RESTRICTIONS ON IVORY PRO-

DUCTS ARE IN EXISTENCE OR ARE CONTEMPLATED.SAXBE

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